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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on October 26, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):
 - a. The response (filed October 26, 2006) to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement (sent October 18, 2006) is not fully responsive. In said response/reply the Applicants elected, without traverse, Invention I of the Restriction Requirement for further prosecution. In said response the Applicants elected, without traverse, FIXTURE: Species A (embodied in Figure 1). However, in said response/reply the Applicants did not make an election on the TRIAL and PROSTHESIS groups of species.

The Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, from each of the three groups of species, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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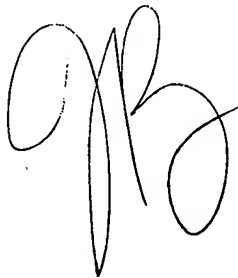
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javier G. Blanco whose telephone number is 571-272-4747. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.), first Friday of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on (571) 272-4754. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 for regular communications and After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

Javier G. Blanco

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